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Is this Microsoft "compromise" a joke? If that is the proposed solution you might as well save the taxpayers a ton of money and not even attempt to do anything to Microsoft. The only people this settlement will hurt is the end-users whether they are home users or corporate users.

I realize that a person with \$80+ billion has a lot of influence on the American justice system but that does not give him the rights to mandate to every single PC manufacturer and PC buyer what we should be using. The only thing this "compromise" accomplishes is still giving Mr. Gates his money but also costing us the end-users more by having to purchase another "option".

If you truly want to make the industry fair and best for economy you would force Microsoft to actually have a choice. Let us buy a PC without shoving Windows and Office down our throats. Let us buy it with a non-Microsoft OS and not have to pay for Windows. Give a choice of one or the other or no OS at all. That is truly what the industry wants and needs to see.

Your compromise will in now way punish Microsoft at all. They still get their money. They still have their OS and Office on all PCs.

At the very least something should be done to slow down the release of new OSes. It costs American business a small fortune to keep up with a new OS every two years. Not to mention the IT professionals like myself that are trying to complete certifications it is nearly impossible to keep up with the new OS changes unless you spend \$10,000 every two years to go to a "boot camp" to get your certification. Or even just to get familiar with the new changes in the OS. It is a tech support person's nightmare to keep changing OSes every two years.

Thank you for you time and I truly hope that more comes out of this case than the simple slap on the wrist that is proposed. I don?t know that I have a good solution either the only thing that I hope is that we are truly given a choice of operating systems on a PC and not have to pay for something we don?t want.

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